

Yuba-Sutter Transit Newsletter

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LIMITED REVERSE COMMUTE SERVICE TO CALTRANS AN EARLY SUCCESS

The response has been very positive to the recent Sacramento Commuter service changes to enhance commute options from Sacramento especially for those who work for Caltrans in Marysville. Limited direct service between both downtown Sacramento and an expanded Elkhorn Boulevard Park & Ride Lot and the new Caltrans District 3 headquarters building at B and 8th Streets in Marysville is now available each weekday morning and afternoon.

Caltrans has been consolidating District 3 employees in their new Marysville building for some time with many of these being transferred from offices in Sacramento. Another 180 employees are now being transferred to Marysville from offices in South Natomas. Caltrans has been working with Yuba-Sutter Transit since February to try to improve the limited transit options for these employees through minor schedule changes and the establishment of a North Natomas bus stop to pick-up these reverse commuters.

To provide a no-cost parking solution for these commuters, Caltrans remodeled its own park and ride lot on Elkhorn Boulevard just west of Highway 99 and north of Interstate 5 to allow buses to turn around. Bus service from this site began on July 26th, the same day that the first of the new transfers were to report for work in Marysville. Up to 12 people are now catching the bus each morning at the park & ride.

Each weekday morning, the 1st AM Highway 99 bus on the way back from Sacramento stops at the Elkhorn Park & Ride at 6:40 AM offering non-stop service to the Caltrans building in Marysville at 7:15 AM. In the afternoon, the 6th PM 99 bus begins from Caltrans stop at 4:15 PM before continuing to the Yuba County Government Center and on to the Elkhorn Park & Ride at 5:00 PM before picking up passengers at the regular downtown Sacramento stops beginning at 5:15 p.m.

Based on experience to date, no changes to the existing 1st AM 99 and 6th PM 99 schedules are necessary so regular peak-direction passengers on these schedules should not notice any difference in service. In addition, should ridership drop to an unsustainable level, this service is subject to change without notice.

For more information, please contact Keith Martin at (530) 634-6880 (keith_martin@sbcglobal.net).

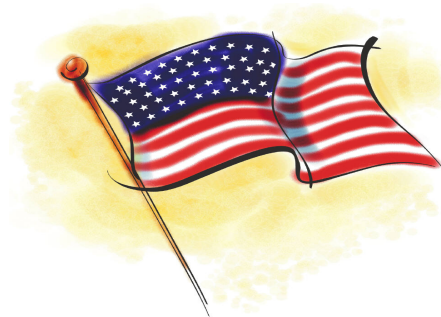
YUBA COLLEGE BUS STOP TO MOVE AGAIN TO PERMANENT LOCATION ON AUGUST 16TH

Since June 1st, Yuba-Sutter Transit's Yuba College terminal on the Linda campus has been at a temporary location in front of the administration buildings due to construction in the east parking lot. That work is nearly complete and the terminal will soon be on the move again!

By Monday, August 16th, the existing shelters and benches will be relocated to their permanent location at the all new bus terminal on Butte Street just around the corner from the old terminal site. At that time, all Yuba-Sutter Transit buses serving Yuba College (Routes 1, 3 and 6) will shift to the new terminal and the modified traffic pattern that has been in effect in front of the administration buildings will return to normal.

Buses will then enter the campus on Sutter Street from North Beale Road, proceed south to the new terminal on Butte Street and then depart the campus on Yolo Street back to North Beale Road. We are very excited about the new terminal which is closer than the old site to the heart of the campus and passengers will no longer have to walk in the street in front of buses or other vehicles to and from the bus stop.

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LABOR DAY HOLIDAY NOTICE

In observance of Labor Day, Yuba-Sutter Transit will not operate and our offices will be closed on Monday, September 6th. Regular service will resume on Tuesday, September 8th.

Call 530-634-6880 for more information.

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SENIOR TRANSPORTATION VOUCHER PROGRAM



YUBA-SUTTER MENTAL HEALTH STOP MOVING TO NEW LONG-TERM LOCATION

Due to substantial and continuing problems with the asphalt parking lot at the Yuba-Sutter Mental Health office on Live Oak Boulevard in Yuba City, the Yuba-Sutter Transit bus stop will be moved slightly south to a temporary, but long-term location until the lot can be repaired. A bus stop shelter has already been installed at the new location and the move will be complete by Monday, August 16th if not before.

Yuba-Sutter Transit buses will approach the Mental Health building complex through a temporary parking lot off of Live Oak Boulevard. Sutter County Public Works has improved this lot, which is located just south of the existing driveway, for Yuba-Sutter Transit buses to use to access the new temporary bus stop near the Mental Health building. Service to this temporary lot will be provided on all schedules Monday – Saturday until further notice.

Watch for signs or contact Keith Martin or Dawna Dutra at (530) 634-6880 for more information.

MARYSVILLE BUS STOPS AGAIN IMPACTED BY RIDEOUT HOSPITAL PROJECT

The on-going expansion of Rideout Hospital in Marysville, which has already caused the long-term disruption of two Yuba-Sutter Transit bus stops, is now affecting our operation on H Street. While service continues in both directions, Routes 1 and 4 on H Street between 3rd and 5th Streets may be forced to detour should conditions worsen.

In particular, the northbound H Street bus stop between 3rd and 4th Streets may be rendered unusable at any time. Watch for construction activity at this stop that may prevent its use. Should this stop be abandoned, the nearest alternative stops are at H & 7th and at F & 2nd Streets.

Watch for signs at the affected bus stops or call 530-634-6880 for more information.

The FREED Center For Independent Living Senior Transportation Voucher Program provides Yuba and Sutter County seniors 60 years and older with vouchers to be used to pay for transportation services for healthcare appointments and other essential community services and activities. Access to affordable and accessible transportation to meet healthcare needs is an essential component for seniors to remain living independently and participating in the community.

Booklets of flexible vouchers worth \$20 are now available on a donation basis. Three providers now accept the vouchers as cash on their systems including Yuba-Sutter Transit, Budget Cab and Lor Transportation. For Yuba-Sutter Transit, all age or disability eligibility requirements for discount or specialized services still apply.

For more information or to schedule an appointment to complete the intake process, contact Angie Paras, FREED Senior Transportation Voucher Coordinator at 742-4474. FREED is located at 508 J Street, Marysville.

BUS PASSES & TICKET BOOKS

Monthly passes and discount ticket books are sold at the following locations. Please note that some outlets do not carry all media and that monthly passes are available from the 24th of the month until the 7th of the following month. Passes are also available throughout the month during normal business hours in the Yuba-Sutter Transit office at 2100 B Street in Marysville. All passes and tickets are also available by mail.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

1. Bel Air Market Customer Service Center – **Yuba City**
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes / Sacramento Commuter Passes & Punch Cards
2. Yuba Sutter Mall Service Counter – **Yuba City**
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes / Sacramento Commuter Passes & Punch Cards
3. Yuba College Bookstore – **Linda**
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes / Sacramento Commuter Passes & Punch Cards
4. Yuba-Sutter Transit Office – **Marysville**
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes / Sacramento Commuter Passes & Punch Cards / Single Ride Tickets for All Services

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